



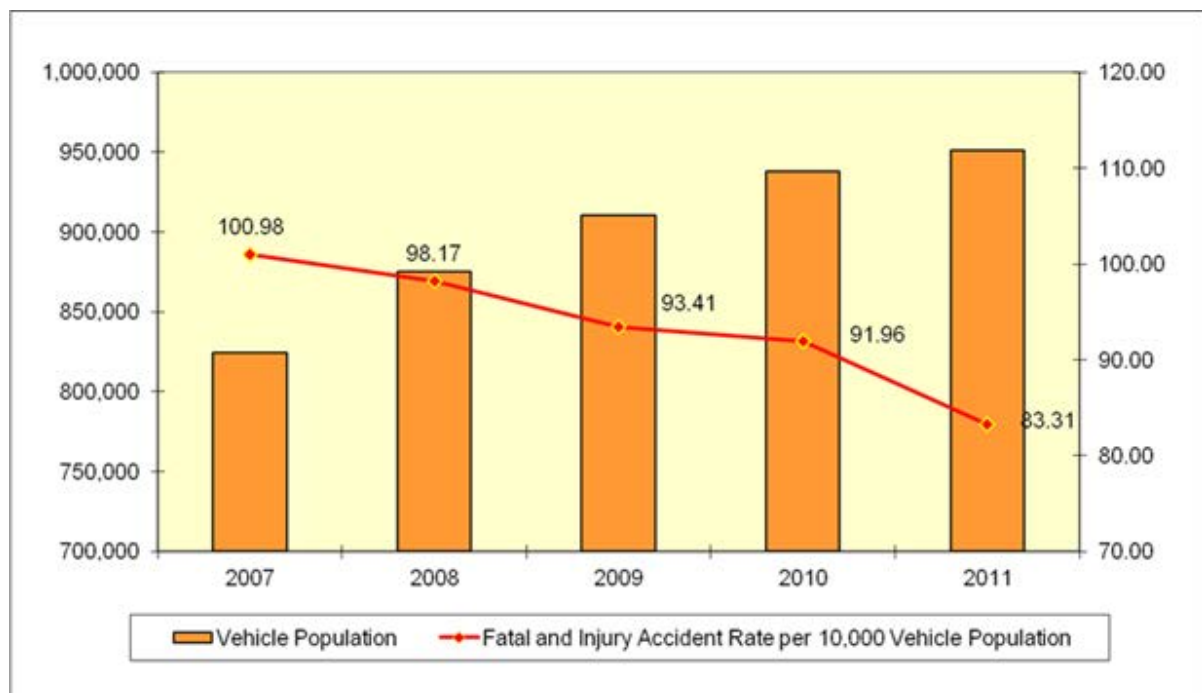
POLICE NEWS RELEASE

Annual Road Traffic Situation 2011

SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN FATAL AND INJURY ACCIDENT RATE

1 In 2011, the total number of fatal and injury accidents registered a decrease of 8.1%, from 8,625 cases in 2010 to 7,925 cases last year. The fatal and injury accident rate (normalised against 10,000 vehicle population^[1]) registered a significant drop from 91.96 in 2010 to 83.31 in 2011; the lowest fatal and injury accident rate in the past 5 years. (Please refer to Chart 1).

Chart 1: Fatal and Injury Accident Rate (2007 – 2011)

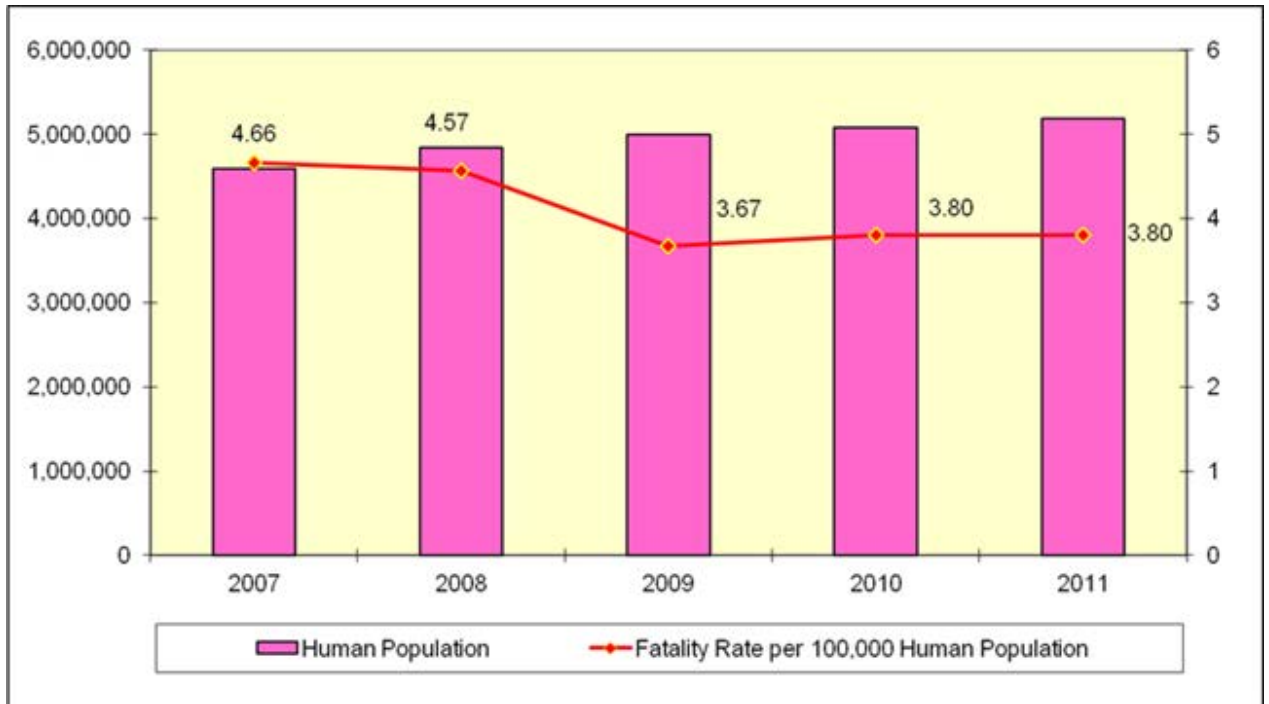


^[1] The vehicle population in Singapore increased by 1.43%, from 937,860 in 2010 to 951,307 in 2011

FATALITY RATE REMAINS CONSTANT

2 On fatality rate, 2011 registered an increase of 4 fatalities on our roads as compared to 2010. However, the fatality rate per 100,000 human population^[2] (which takes into account the rate of change in population) in 2011 remained constant at 3.80 as per the year before. (Please refer to Chart 2)

Chart 2: Fatality Rate per 100,000 Human Population (2007 – 2011)



SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

3 There is a significant drop of 50% (from 24 persons in 2010 to 12 persons in 2011) in the number of elderly^[3] pedestrian jaywalker fatalities in 2011. In addition, an improvement is also seen in both the overall number of pedestrian fatalities as well as the number of elderly pedestrian fatalities in 2011. The total number of pedestrian fatalities has dropped by 10.9%, from 55 in 2010 to 49 in 2011, with the number of elderly fatalities showing a decrease of 10.3% from 29 in 2010 to 26 in 2011.

^[2] The total human population in Singapore increased by 2.11%, from 5,076,700 in 2010 to 5,183,700 in 2011.

^[3] Elderly refers to persons of 60 years and above.

AREA OF CONCERN

4 Motorcyclists and their pillion riders continued to be a cause for concern, accounting for about half the total number of fatalities in 2011. Of the 197 fatalities in 2011, there were 99 fatalities involving motorcyclists and their pillion riders, an increase of 11.2% from the 89 fatalities recorded in 2010. (Please refer to Table 1)

Table 1: No. of Fatalities by Road User Groups

Road User Groups	2010	2011	DIFF	% DIFF
Motorcyclists & Pillion Riders	89	99	10	+11.2%
Motorcar Drivers and Passengers	14	16	2	+14.3%
Pedestrians	55	49	-6	-10.9%
Pedal Cyclists	16	15	-1	-6.3%
Others (including Bus Passengers/Drivers, Heavy and Light Goods Vehicles Drivers and Passengers, etc)	19	18	-1	-5.3%
TOTAL	193	197	+4	2.1%

5 Traffic Police will continue to inculcate safe riding behaviours and target enforcement efforts against unsafe riding habits through the strategic enforcement teams that were introduced in October 2011. The patrol officers in these teams will interact with motorcyclists on the roads to convey road safety advice. If necessary, they will take enforcement action to correct dangerous riding behaviour quickly before accidents occur.

6 Traffic Police will also implement a two-tiered theory test structure for learner riders of Class 2B motorcycles on 27 February 2012. All learner riders will be required to pass two separate theory tests – the Basic Theory Test and the Riding Theory Test before they are allowed to take the practical riding test. This allows for deeper and wider testing of the local traffic rules and motorcycle handling knowledge, which is helpful at increasing riding competency and reducing the incidence of accidents.

CONCLUSION

7 Traffic Police will continue to work closely with the Singapore Road Safety Council (SRSC) and other stakeholders through various platforms to enhance the safety of road users in Singapore.

8 Commander of Traffic Police, Assistant Commissioner Cheang Keng Keong said, "Traffic Police will continue to work with our partners, especially the Land Transport Authority, to make Singapore roads one of the safest in the world. On enforcement, we will come down hard on dangerous motoring behaviour, such as speeding and red running. Drivers and riders who exhibit such errant behaviour endanger both themselves and others and have no place on our roads."

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